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#### FREE TO GO



U.S. missionary Laura Silsby, left, leaves a courthouse in Port-au-Prince, Monday, May 17, 2010. Silsby, the last of 10 Americans detained while trying to take 33 children out of Haiti following the Jan. 12 earthquake, was released after a judge convicted her and sentenced her to the time she had already served in jail.

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New York Yankees' pitcher Mariano Rivera reacts after Minnesota Twins' Jason Kubel hit a grand slam during the eighth inning of the baseball game Sunday, May 16, 2010, at Yankee Stadium in New York. The Twins defeated the Yankees 6-3.

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Lamar McKay, chairman and president of BP America, Inc., testifies at the Senate committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, May 17, 2010, about the response to BP PLC's Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

Associated Press

## Scientists worry current could carry oil to Fla. Keys

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Associated Press Writers

ROBERT, Louisiana (AP) — With BP finally gaining some control over the amount of oil spewing into the Gulf of Mexico, scientists are increasingly worried that huge plumes of crude already spilled could get caught in a current that would carry the mess all the way to the Florida Keys and beyond, damaging coral reefs and killing wildlife.

Scientists said the oil will move into the so-called loop current soon if it hasn't already, though they could not say exactly when or how much there would be. Once it is in the loop, it could take 10 days or longer to reach the Keys.

"It's only a question of when," said Peter Ortner, a University of Miami oceanographer. In the month since an offshore drilling platform exploded, killing 11 workers, BP has struggled

to stop the leak, trying in vain to activate emergency valves and lowering a 100-ton box that got clogged with icy crystals. Over the weekend, the oil company finally succeeded in using a stopper-and-tube combination to siphon some of the gushing oil into a tanker, but millions of gallons (liters) are already in the Gulf.

The loop current is a ribbon of warm water that begins in the Gulf of Mexico and wraps around Florida. Some scientists project the current will draw the crude through the Keys and then up Florida's Atlantic Coast, where the oil might avoid the beaches of Miami and Fort Lauderdale but could wash up around Palm Beach.

Many scientists expect the oil to get no farther north than Cape Canaveral, midway up the coast, before it is carried out to sea and becomes more and more diluted.

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Rep. Joe Sestak, D-Pa., a candidate in the Senate Democratic primary race, is seen before receiving an endorsement from members of the African-American clergy at the New Hope Baptist Church, in Philadelphia, Monday, May 17, 2010. Sestak is in a close race in Tuesday's Democratic primary with Sen. Arlen Specter.

Associated Press

## Primary Day: Testing themes for big fall elections

By DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — For all the primaries testing tea party clout and veteran senators' ability to survive, a special House election in southwestern Pennsylvania is the multimillion-dollar battleground of choice Tuesday for the two political parties, previewing themes for a fall campaign shadowed by recession and voter discontent.

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Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano speaks during a hearing of the Senate committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Capitol Hill in Washington Monday, May 17, 2010, on the BP PLC's Deepwater Horizon oil spill.

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#### OIL TO KEYS

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The pollution could endanger Florida's shoreline mangroves, seagrass beds and the third-longest barrier reef in the world, the 221-mile-long Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, which helps draw millions of snorkelers, fishermen and other tourists whose dollars are vital to the state's economy. Pollutants can smother and kill corals — living creatures

that excrete a hard exterior skeleton — or can hinder their ability to reproduce and grow. That, in turn, could harm thousands of species of exotic and colorful fish and other marine life that live in and around reefs.

In other developments:

— Chris Oynes, who oversees offshore drilling programs at the federal Minerals Management Service, will retire at the end of the month, becoming the Interior

Department's first casualty of the disaster. Oynes has been criticized as too cozy with the oil industry.

— The White House will establish a presidential commission to investigate the spill, according to an administration official speaking of condition of anonymity.

— California Sen. Barbara Boxer and other Democrats are calling on the Justice Department to open a criminal investigation.

— BP said it has spent \$500 million on the spill so far.

— The oil company said it will never again try to produce oil from the well, though it did not rule out drilling elsewhere in the reservoir.

“The right thing to do is permanently plug this well, and that's what we will do,” said Doug Suttles, BP chief operating officer.

William Hogarth, dean of the University of South Florida's College of Marine Science, said one computer model showed oil had already entered the loop current, while

a second model showed the oil was three miles from it. Mike Sole, Florida's environmental protection secretary, said the edge could still be two to 18 miles (29 kilometers) away.

BP said it is having some success with a mile-long tube that is funneling a little more than 42,000 gallons (158,98 liters) of crude a day from the well into a tanker ship. That would be about a fifth of the 210,000 gallons (794,900 liters) the company estimated is gushing out each day, though scientists who have studied video of the leak say it could be much bigger.

Crews will slowly increase how much they are collecting over the next few days. They need to move slowly to prevent the formation of the ice-like crystals that doomed the effort to lower a big concrete-and-steel box over the blown-out well.

BP initially said it hoped the system would capture most of the leaking oil, but Suttles said Monday that officials would be pleased if the tube eventually sucks up half of it.

The siphoning is not a permanent solution. BP is preparing to shoot a mixture known as drilling mud into the well later this week in a procedure called a “top-kill” that would take several weeks but, if successful, would stop the flow altogether. Two relief wells are also being drilled to pump cement into the well to close it, but that will take months.

Chemicals being sprayed underwater are helping to disperse the oil and keep it from washing ashore in great quantities, but researchers said that in recent days they have discovered miles-long underwater plumes of oil that could poison or suffocate sea life across the food chain, with damage that could last for a decade or more.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Monday that the researchers' announcement of the oil plumes was premature and that further tests are needed to confirm that the plumes detected were indeed caused by the blowout. □



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# Ex-NYC top cop begins federal prison term

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Associated Press Writer

WHITE PLAINS, New York (AP) — Former New York City police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, who was proclaimed a hero after the 2001 World Trade Center attacks, reported to federal prison Monday to begin a four-year sentence for tax fraud, lying to the White House and other felonies.

He went behind bars as inmate No. 84888-054 at the Cumberland Federal Correctional Institution in Maryland, said Felicia Ponce, spokeswoman for the Bureau of Prisons. She said Kerik, 54, reported at about 1:45 p.m., 15 minutes ahead of his deadline.

Before showing up at the prison, the feisty former commissioner issued a statement saying he had been wronged.

In a statement dated Sunday and posted on his website, Kerik said he could not remain silent “in the face of what I believe has been a grave injustice.” He complained about the judge and prosecutors and said he pleaded guilty because he was “financially helpless” and could have

spent a year behind bars just awaiting trial.

He said he hoped the “injustice” would be remedied on appeal and he would be returned to his wife and his 7- and 10-year-old daughters “much sooner rather than later.”

Kerik’s steely resolve as he stood with his mentor, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, after the 9/11 attacks won him worldwide fame. His career peaked three years later when he was nominated by President George W. Bush to lead the Department of Homeland Security.

While he was being vetted, however, questions were raised about his finances and associations, and he bowed out of the nomination. He later admitted in court that he lied when he denied having any financial dealings with anyone doing business with New York City.

Kerik pleaded guilty in November to eight felonies. When he was sentenced in February, federal Judge Stephen Robinson said Kerik had used 9/11 “for personal gain and aggrandizement.” The judge went beyond federal

sentencing guidelines, which suggested two to three years in prison, because of what he called “the almost operatic proportions of this case.”

After his sentencing, Kerik apologized to the nation and said he hoped history would take into account the “30 years of service I’ve given to the country and the city of New York.” In a television interview last month, Kerik said he stopped speaking with Giuliani in 2006, as the former mayor began running for president, to protect him. He added, however, “We will be friends for life.”

Kerik said on his website that he recently watched the movie “Rocky Balboa” with his daughters to illustrate “the principles of courage, strength and perseverance” in anticipation of his imprisonment.

He said he told the girls, “It is time to move forward.” Ponce said Kerik would have his photo and fingerprints taken, undergo physical and psychological exams and be assigned to a housing unit at the 1,500-inmate prison. □



In this June 4, 2009 file photo, former New York City police Commissioner Bernard Kerik stands outside the Federal Court in Washington. Kerik is due to report to federal prison to begin his four-year term for tax fraud, lying to the White House and other felonies.

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U.S. Senator Arlen Specter, D-Pa., greets supporters at the Lehigh Valley International Airport in Hanover Township, Pa., during his "Delivering for Pennsylvania" election eve tour, stopping in six cities across the state, Monday, May 17, 2010.

*Associated Press*

### PRIMARY DAY

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Competing economic prescriptions, the appeal of President Barack Obama's health care legislation, the Republicans' ability to woo crossover support from independents and Democrats all are at issue, according to officials in both parties, in a race that also features a struggle for the political high ground as Washington

outsider.

The House race features Republican Tim Burns against Democrat Mark Critz to fill out the final few months in the term of the late Democratic Rep. John Murtha. But the two national parties made it something more than that when they decided several weeks ago to invest heavily — roughly \$1 million apiece independent of their

"This is the kind of district that the Republicans have to win if their hype is to even begin to meet the reality on the ground," said Maryland Rep. Chris Van Hollen, the head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. He was poking at GOP boasts that the party will win the 40 seats this fall that it needs to take power in the House.

"This is the fall. This is where it happens," said Rep. Pete Sessions of Texas, chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

The district is home to more registered Democrats than Republicans. There is a solid blue collar vote, the result of the area's location in the nation's coal belt, and opposition to gun control and abortion is strong within both parties. The district supported Sen. John McCain in the 2008 presidential election after siding with Democrats in the previous two races for the White House.

Private polling shows Obama's approval rating in the congressional district in the range of 35 to 40 percent, lower than it is nationally. And while the Republican Party-

paid television ads and mass mailings attack his agenda, they have focused even more criticism on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

The Republican Congressional Campaign's sum-up television ad, airing in the final days of the race, touches on points the GOP says it intends to stress in the fall. It says the health care overhaul that passed was disastrous and will cut \$500 billion from Medicare, that the House-passed energy bill is a "cap and trade scheme" that will cost jobs, that Democratic liberals voted for runaway spending and that the "Obama-Pelosi agenda only makes things worse."

As the TV image of Obama and Pelosi together gives way to one of the speaker standing alone, the announcer says, "Pennsylvania can send Nancy Pelosi a message. Or send her Mark Critz."

Democrats have hit back hard on pocketbook issues, including jobs, as they seek to avoid a backlash from voters angry over a steady loss of jobs that has only lately showed signs of abating.

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Public polling nationwide shows Republicans are more eager to cast ballots this fall than Democrats, and surveys also indicate the GOP is attracting the independent voters whose support was essential in 2006 and 2008, when the Republicans lost control of Congress and then the White House. But an intensely competitive Senate primary in Pennsylvania is likely to swell turnout by Democrats, and Republican strategists say Burns must appeal to them and to independents if he is to win. The same energy that Republicans hope will power them to victory in the fall has transformed the party's senatorial primary in Kentucky into an unpredictable contest □



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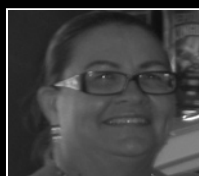


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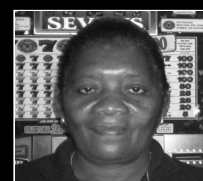


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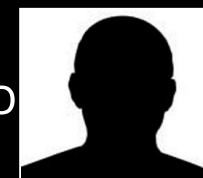


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# U.S. missionary convicted in Haiti, but free to go



U.S. missionary Laura Silsby is seen through the window of a car as she leaves a courthouse in Port-au-Prince, Monday, May 17, 2010. Silsby, the last of 10 Americans detained while trying to take 33 children out of Haiti following the Jan. 12 earthquake, was released after a judge convicted her and sentenced her to the time she had already served in jail.

**JONATHAN M. KATZ,**  
Associated Press Writer  
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The last of 10 Americans detained while trying to take 33 children out of Haiti after the Jan. 12 earthquake was freed Monday when a judge convicted her but sentenced her to time already served in jail.  
Laura Silsby, the organizer

of the ill-fated effort to take the children to an orphanage being set up in the neighboring Dominican Republic, returned to her cell briefly to retrieve belongings before quickly heading to the Port-au-Prince airport.  
"I'm praising God," Silsby told The Associated Press as she waited for a flight out of Haiti. She declined

to answer further questions before clearing immigration and heading through a gate to catch a plane to Florida. The Idaho businesswoman had been in custody since Jan. 29. She was originally charged with kidnapping and criminal association, but those charges were dropped for her and the nine other Americans who were previously released.

*Associated Press*

Silsby she was convicted of arranging illegal travel under a 1980 statute restricting movement out of Haiti signed by then-dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier. Prosecutor Jean-Serge Joseph said she was convicted and sentenced to the 3 months and 8 days she spent behind bars. Last week, the prosecution had recommended a six-month sentence and she faced a maximum of three years on the charge.  
"She is free," Joseph said. The 40-year-old Silsby told the court earlier she thought the children were orphans whose homes were destroyed in the earthquake. But she lacked the proper papers to remove them from the country at a time when the government was restricting adoptions to prevent child trafficking in the chaos that followed the disaster.  
An AP investigation later revealed all the children had at least one living parent, who had turned their children over to the group in hopes of securing better lives for them. Silsby and others in the

group, mostly members of the same Baptist church in Idaho, insisted they had only come to Haiti to help. They unwittingly helped draw attention to the dark side of the adoption industry in Haiti, where children for many years have been abandoned by their parents or sold into slavery.  
In February, a Haitian judge released eight of the Americans after concluding they had not knowingly engaged in any crime. The judge released a ninth member, Silsby's friend and former nanny, Charisa Coulter, in March.  
Silsby was held the longest because she organized the venture and prosecutors insisted she knew that she did not have the proper authorization to take the children out of Haiti. She was prosecuted with Jean Sainvil, an Atlanta-based pastor born in Haiti who allegedly helped find the children for the missionaries. The pastor, facing the same charge as Silsby, was not in Haiti and was being tried in absentia. The status of his case was not immediately clear. □



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# Iran to ship uranium to Turkey in nuclear deal

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Associated Press Writers

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran agreed to ship much of its low-enriched uranium abroad and then rolled out a new obstacle to nuclear compromise by insisting it would press ahead with higher enrichment — bringing it closer to being able to make atomic warheads.

The deal Monday forged with Turkey and Brazil appeared to be another attempt to stave off U.N. sanctions — a doubtful endeavor judging by reactions from the United States and other Western powers.

The White House showed deep skepticism about the pact, warning it still allows Iran to keep enriching uranium toward the pursuit of a nuclear weapon.

“Given Iran’s repeated failure to live up to its own commitments, and the need to address fundamental issues related to Iran’s nuclear program, the United States and international community continue to have serious concerns,” White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said.

Still, by involving Turkey and Brazil, Iran ramped up the pressure on Washington over additional U.N. sanctions.

The deal moves these two influential Security Council members closer to Tehran and presents the U.S. and its Western allies with a bloc of developing nations that back Iran’s right to pursue a nuclear program.

In announcing the accord, Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim and his Turkish counterpart, Ahmet Davutoglu, said Tehran has the right to “a full nuclear fuel cycle, including enrichment activities for peaceful purposes” and condemned any new sanctions against Iran.

Both countries are important for Washington — Brazil is South America’s largest nation and has a dominant role on the continent, while



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, center, join hands with his Brazilian counterpart Luis Inacio Lula da Silva, second left, and Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, after Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim, seated left, his Iranian counterpart Manouchehr Mottaki, seated at center, and Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, seated right, signed an agreement to ship most of Iran’s enriched uranium to Turkey in a nuclear fuel swap deal, in Tehran, Iran, Monday, May 17, 2010.

Turkey, a key NATO ally and a traditional regional U.S. mainstay, has moved to develop an increasingly independent voice.

While they have no Security Council veto, both are skeptical of the U.S.-led drive for a fourth set of Security Council sanctions to punish Tehran’s refusal to stop its enrichment activities.

And the Iranian maneuver could weaken growing resolve by Russia and China — which do have veto power — to support new sanctions. Moscow and Beijing were responsible for watering down the language of previous anti-Iran sanctions but appeared to swing behind the U.S., Britain and France recently.

The deal announced Monday calls for Iran to ship 1,200 kilograms (2,640 pounds) of low-enriched uranium to Turkey, where it would be stored. In exchange, Iran would receive, within one year, higher-enriched fuel rods to be used in a U.S.-built medical research reactor.

The pact mirrors a swap proposed last October in which Iran would have shipped the same amount of low-enriched uranium to Russia in exchange for higher-enriched material

for its research reactor. That deal fell apart over Tehran’s insistence that the swap take place on Iranian soil.

On its face, the latest plan seems a significant concession, with Iran agreeing to ship its material to be stored in Turkey and wait up to a year for higher-enriched uranium from France and Russia.

However, Iran is believed to have much more nuclear material stockpiled now.

In October, swapping 1,200 kilograms (2,640 pounds) would have left Iran with less than the 1,000 kilograms (2,200 pounds) of material needed to produce enough weapons-grade uranium for a bomb.

Since then, Iran has continued to churn out low-enriched material and started enriching uranium to an even higher level — from 3.5 percent to near 20 percent. While Tehran insists it has no nuclear arms ambitions, it could produce weapons grade uranium much more quickly from the 20 percent level.

In March, the International Atomic Energy Agency said Iran’s stockpile stood at around 2,100 kilograms (4,600 pounds). It has likely grown to an estimated

2,300 kilograms — about 5,000 pounds, or more than twice the amount needed to produce enough material for a bomb, according to David Albright of the Washington-based Institute for Science and International Security, which has tracked Iran for signs of covert proliferation. From the West’s point of view, that destroys much of the incentive for an agreement — and Iran’s decision to continue its program to enrich to near 20 percent poses an even greater hurdle.

Western nations insisted Monday they remained on the sanctions track.

“Our position on Iran is unchanged,” said Prime Minister David Cameron’s spokesman, Steve Field. “Iran has an obligation to reassure the international community, and until it does so, we will continue to work with our international partners on a sanctions resolution in the United Nations Security Council.”

French Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero agreed, saying the world was awaiting “credible answers from Iran” on its nuclear agenda.

For his part, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev cautiously

welcomed the agreement but said it may fail to fully satisfy the international community. He alluded to Iran’s intention to continue its higher-enrichment activities as a cause for concern.

Even as the agreement was announced, Iran said it would continue to enrich uranium to higher levels. “Of course, enrichment of uranium to 20 percent will continue inside Iran,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramin Mehmanparast told the official news agency IRNA.

That stance is bound to feed international suspicions about a nuclear program Tehran has long insisted is peaceful since the original rationale for enriching to 20 percent was that foreign countries were refusing to provide the fuel rods needed for Iran’s research reactor.

“There is no apparent civilian use for this material,” the British Foreign Office said, adding that the decision to continue higher enrichment “underlines Iran’s disregard for efforts to engage it in serious negotiation.”

Monday’s deal was announced after talks between Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in Tehran.

If Iran does not receive the fuel rods within a year, Turkey will be required to “quickly and unconditionally” return the uranium to Iran, according to a joint declaration by the three nations. Iran feared that under the initial U.N. deal, if a swap fell through, its uranium stock could be seized permanently.

Erdogan said that once Iran received the fuel rods, Turkey will hand the Iranian low-enriched uranium to whatever country provided the fuel. Still the agreement did not specify that — an omission that could open the path to a possible claim by Tehran even if it receives fuel rods from abroad. □



# Thai Red Shirt offers ceasefire as deadline passes

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BANGKOK (AP) — The Thai government said it would accept a cease-fire offer from a Red Shirt protest leader on Monday if their fighters return to their camp in central Bangkok, as street battles that have killed 37 people raged for a fifth day.

The offer came during a telephone conversation between Red Shirt leader Nattawut Saikuwa, who called the government's chief negotiator, Korbsak Sabhavas, on his cell phone. It was the first direct talks between the two sides since the fighting started Thursday.

Nattawut's response was not immediately known. Calls to his phone went unanswered. Earlier, a Thai government ultimatum passed for the estimated 5,000 protesters occupying a barricaded encampment in the city center by 3 p.m. Monday or face up to two years in prison. The demand had little apparent effect, and unrest still flared in various parts of the downtown area outside the barricades, with troops firing



Motorcyclists ride near burning tires put by anti-government protesters in Bangkok, Thailand, Monday, May 17, 2010. Thailand's Red Shirts offered peace talks Monday to end raging street battles in Bangkok as a government deadline demanding the demonstrators vacate a protest zone passed without capitulation.

live ammunition at protesters who were lighting tires to hide their positions. The thick smoke darkened the sky.

The Red Shirts, many of whom hail from the impoverished north and northeast, are trying to unseat Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva and force immediate elections. They say

the coalition government came to power through manipulation of the courts and the backing of the powerful military, and that it symbolizes a national elite indifferent to their plight. Previous attempts to negotiate an end to the two-month standoff — which has destabilized a country once

*Associated Press* regarded as one of Southeast Asia's most stable democracies — have failed. A government offer earlier this month to hold November elections floundered after protest leaders made more demands. Korbsak told reporters that he talked to Nattawut for five minutes, during which the Red Shirt

leader proposed a cease-fire. He said he told Nattawut that the army will stop shooting if he calls his fighters back from the streets to the core protest site.

"If they call their people back to Rajprasong there will be no single bullet fired by the soldiers," he said, referring to the 1-square-mile protest area occupied by the Red Shirts in a ritzy commercial district of the capital.

The Rajprasong area is encircled by troops in a wide perimeter, and protesters have spilled out into surrounding streets that have become a battleground. The rioters have set fire to vehicles and fired homemade bombs and firecrackers at the soldiers, who have responded with live ammunition.

At least 37 people have been killed in the violence and more than 250 injured.

The political conflict is Thailand's deadliest and most prolonged in decades, and each passing day of violence deeply divides in this nation of 65 million — a key U.S. ally and Southeast Asia's second-largest economy. □

## 15,000 doctors across Germany stage walkout

BERLIN (AP)—Some 15,000 doctors across Germany are staging a walkout to press for higher pay and better working conditions, a union said on Monday.

Doctors at about 200 public clinics in most German states were on strike and 4,000 gathered for a protest in Munich, the Marburger Bund union said in a statement.

The walkout is scheduled to last all week, but the union stressed it could continue indefinitely if the towns and cities running the clinics don't make a better offer.

Minimum service is guaranteed in all hospitals. However, the union recommends that patients go to university clinics, private or church-run hospitals.

The negotiations over pay and working conditions broke down April 8. □



A man tries to salvage his car, during floods in the city of Bohumin, north east Czech Republic, Monday, May 17, 2010. Floods caused by days of heavy rain swept through central Europe on Monday, killing at least four people and forcing the evacuation of thousands more.

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PRAGUE (AP) — Heavy rains caused flooding in the northeastern Czech Republic, southern Poland and Hungary on Monday. At least four people died.

Czech police said a 69-year-old woman drowned in the town of Trinec, 250 miles east of Prague.

In Poland, a man fell into the Koszarawa River late Sunday and drowned, said Jozef Pietraszko, deputy commander of the Zywiec firefighters. His body was found 1 1/2 miles downstream. Polish firefighters also discovered the body of a 60-year-old woman floating in a creek in southern Poland. She had been missing since Sunday.

## Flooding hits Czech Republic, southern Poland, and Hungary

Officials in Hungary described the situation in the northeastern county of Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén as "catastrophic." One man died Saturday in the flooding and more than 2,000 people have been evacuated or rescued from their homes.

In the town of Szikszó, 125 miles northeast of the Hungarian capital of Budapest, more than 40 patients had to be moved to higher floors when the ground floor of the Ferenc Rakoczi II Hospital was flooded and the building surrounded by water, hospital director Sandor Tiba said.

Despite the flooding of the nearby Vadasz stream, the hospital remained open.

The main roads to Szikszó were under water, as were many other roads in the area.

Authorities evacuated patients from a hospital in the Czech town of Bohumin, where several neighborhoods were submerged.

Hundreds of people have been evacuated in the Czech Republic and thousands are without electricity.

Some 400 people have been evacuated from their homes south of Krakow and Katowice in Poland.

A number of Czech roads and railway lines were closed as rivers burst their banks on Monday.

Authorities warned that the rain would continue in all three countries, and Polish firefighters prepared to evacuate another 1,500 people. □





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# Portugal's president ratifies gay marriage law

**BARRY HATTON**

**Associated Press Writer**

LISBON, Portugal (AP)

— Portugal's conservative president announced Monday he is reluctantly ratifying a law allowing gay marriage, making the predominantly Catholic country the sixth in Europe to let same-sex couples wed.

President Anibal Cavaco Silva said he would not veto the bill because majority liberal lawmakers would only overturn his decision. The country must focus instead on battling a crippling economic crisis that has increased unemployment and deepened poverty, he said.

"Given that fact, I feel I should not contribute to a pointless extension of this debate, which would only serve to deepen the divisions between the Portuguese and divert the attention of politicians away from the grave problems affecting us," Cavaco Silva said.

He said he was setting aside his "personal convictions," though he did not elaborate and did not take reporters' questions.

The country's parliament passed the Socialist government-backed bill in January, with the support of all of Portugal's left-of-center

parties, who together have a majority. Right-of-center parties opposed the measure and demanded a national referendum.

Elsewhere in Europe, gay marriage is permitted in Belgium, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Norway. As well, five U.S. states and Washington, D.C., have legalized same-sex marriage, as have Canada and South Africa.

Cavaco Silva's announcement came three days after Pope Benedict XVI left Portugal. During his four-day visit, which attracted hundreds of thousands of people, the pontiff said same-sex marriage, and abortion, were some of the most "insidious and dangerous" threats facing the world.

Socialist Party spokesman Vitalino Canas welcomed the president's decision.

"This is a memorable moment," he said. "This is a great step forward for us politically and as a society."

Antonio Serzedelo, the president of lobby group Opus Gay, congratulated the head of state for placing "ethical responsibility above personal opinions."

Portugal is nearly 90 percent Catholic. However, only around 2 million of its 10.6



Portuguese President Anibal Cavaco Silva delivers a statement at Lisbon's Belem presidential palace, about allowing gay marriage, Monday, May 17, 2010.

million people describe themselves as practicing Catholics and Portugal has drifted away from the church's teachings.

The current Socialist government has defied the church before.

It passed a law in 2007 allowing abortion. The following year, it introduced a law allowing divorce even if one of the spouses objected. It has argued that the legislation is part of Portugal's "modernization."

The new law removes the previous legal stipulation that marriage is between two people of different sexes.

Portugal's Constitutional Court validated the bill's legality last month.

Like neighboring Spain, which introduced same-sex marriages four years ago, previous efforts in Portugal to introduce gay marriage ran into strong resistance from religious groups and conservative lawmakers.

Gay rights advocates have said

they will continue to fight for gay couples' parental rights, including adoption, which are not included in the law.

Portugal lifted a prohibition on homosexuality in the early 1980s. In 2001, it passed a law allowing "civil unions" between same-sex couples, which granted couples certain legal, tax and property rights. However, it did not allow couples to take a partner's name, nor inherit his or her possessions or state pension□

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## Jazz pianist, composer Hank Jones dies at 91 in NY



US pianist Hank Jones, seen here performing in 2009, died at the age of 91 on Sunday in a New York hospital following a short illness, his agent Jean-Pierre Leduc told AFP

(AFP/File/Rafa Rivas)

By ULA ILNYTZKY,  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Jazz pianist and composer Hank Jones, whose 70-year career included a stint as Ella Fitzgerald's pianist and Marilyn Monroe's accompanist when she sang "Happy Birthday" to President John F. Kennedy, has died, his manager said Monday. He was 91.

Jones, who won a Grammy lifetime achievement award last year and received the National Medal of Arts from President George W. Bush in 2008, died Sunday night at a New York hospital after a brief illness, Jean-Pierre Leduc said.

A tireless musician who performed his blend of swing and bebop until the end, Jones came from a family of jazz musicians who included brothers Thad, a trumpeter, composer and arranger, and Elvin, a drummer known for the polyrhythmic beat that propelled John Coltrane's classic quartet.

Saxophonist Joe Lovano, with whom Jones made several CDs when he was an octogenarian, including the Grammy-nominated "Kids: Live at Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola" (2007), called Jones "one of the master musicians in the history of jazz."

"He was the consummate accompanist and played with a very free flowing approach ... His sound, his touch, his ideas were all about feeling," Lovano said.

Throughout his career, Jones was respected by his fellow musicians for his elegant touch, melodic sensitivity and stylistic versatility, making hundreds of recordings, including more than 60 as a leader.

He played with some of the biggest names in jazz, including Coleman Hawkins, Ben Webster, Wes Montgomery, Nancy Wilson, Lester Young, Charlie Parker and Coltrane.

According to his website, Jones' one regret was that he didn't record more often with his late brothers. But he did manage to record "The Great Trio Collaboration" with Elvin before his brother died in 2004. He was a charter member of the big band that brother Thad coled with drummer Mel Lewis beginning in the mid-'60s at New York's Village Vanguard jazz club.

Jones "lived and breathed music and was never far from a keyboard, even at the end," Leduc said.

"His incredible burst of productivity — concerts, recordings, fundraisers, clinics — these last few years was unprecedented and truly remarkable.

He had gigs planned through next year" and was scheduled to play at the Birdland jazz club in New York next week, he added.

At last year's Jazz Awards, Jones was voted pianist of the year by the Jazz Journalists Association among a crowded field of nominees that included such distinguished veterans as Kenny Barron, Cecil Taylor, Ahmad Jamal and Keith Jarrett and newer faces like Jason Moran and Matthew Shipp. With characteristic modesty, Jones declared it "should be a group award."

"This to me is an honor and also it's a great incentive to me to do better," Jones said in accepting the honor. "It's not the end of things, it's the end of the beginning for me."

Jazzpianist-turned-impresario George Wein, who founded the Newport Jazz Festival, called Jones "an inspiration to all of us. □

## Arab-Americans delight in Miss USA victory

By JOCELYN NOVECK,  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Donald Trump's Miss USA pageant sure knows how to make headlines.

Arab-Americans rejoiced Monday over the crowning of raven-haired beauty Rima Fakih, a 24-year-old Lebanese immigrant from Michigan, calling it a victory for diversity in the United States, especially at a time when Arabs suffer from negative stereotypes in this country — and anti-immigrant sentiment is in the news.

Meanwhile, some harsh critics wondered if Trump's Miss USA organization was trying to send a message, sniping that the victory amounted to "affirmative action," or implying the first runner-up, Miss Oklahoma USA, suffered unfairly because of an answer she gave supporting Arizona's new immigration law.

All this comes, of course, a year after 2009 runner-up Carrie Prejean and her views on gay marriage dominated the headlines. Suddenly it seemed like the pageant had become a battleground, albeit in bikinis and flesh-baring gowns, for the hot-button political and social issues of the day.

If all that weren't enough, photos emerged of Fakih pole-dancing in skimpy shorts and a tank top in a radio show contest in 2007. The show's producers said they'd been contacted by representatives of the Miss Universe contest requesting more photographs and information. But the show also noted — correctly — that the photos were no more provocative than anything on the Miss USA website.

In any case, Arab-Americans were elated by the victory of Fakih, who was born into a powerful Shiite family in southern Lebanon and whose family said they celebrate both the Muslim and Christian faiths.

"With all the stigma that goes around — especially after 9/11 and how people portray Muslims and Arab-Americans — it's just a great way to knock down all those barriers," said Dwnya Bakri-Bazzi, 22, a Muslim law student from Dearborn, Mich., who uptated her Facebook status to read,



Miss Michigan Rima Fakih, left, reacts as she is crowned Miss USA 2010 by Kristen Dalton, Miss USA 2009, Sunday, May 16, 2010 in Las Vegas.

(AP Photo/Isaac Brekken)

"woot woot who knows maybe I can be the next Miss America?"

Abed Ayoub, the legal director for the Washington-based Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, called the win significant. "It shows our country's diversity and the opportunity it offers all citizens."

He decried the negative blog postings as "disgusting."

"Rima had a great event," he said. "Her religion and race was not an issue during the competition, and I hope not during the judging either. She won on beauty, elegance and eloquence."

Not that Fakih and her family hadn't been prepared for negative publicity. Even before the pageant, Ayoub said, when Fakih had won her state pageant, his group had helped prepare the family.

"We told the family they should expect this," Ayoub said. "We told them that some people spew hatred. But she was strong. She held her ground."

Pageant officials said their records were not detailed enough to show whether Fakih was the first Arab-American, Muslim or immigrant to win the Miss USA title. The pageant started in 1952 as a local bathing suit competition

in Long Beach, Calif.

A winner in the 1980s may have had a Lebanese parent, Ayoub said, but having a winner of Arab descent was exceedingly rare nonetheless. The group's regional director in Dearborn, Mich., Fakih's hometown, said the victory was especially sweet given the current political climate.

"We did not choose to be in the hot seat," Imad Hamad said in a telephone interview. "But the tragedy of Sept. 11 put us in the hot seat and imposed a new reality. Also, we have the background of anti-immigrant sentiment, in Arizona, and efforts by some to pass a similar law in Michigan. So this victory is a reaffirmation that America is America, the land of the brave and the land of opportunity. Rima now she can be a role model for all our young people."

Some noted that Fakih had stumbled when, in a question about birth control, she called it a "controlled substance." And she nearly stumbled, quite literally, on her gown because of its long train. But she stayed upright.

As for Morgan Elizabeth Woolard of Oklahoma, she was asked a question — by actor Oscar Nunez of NBC's "The Office" — about Arizona's new immigration law. □



## BUSINESS

Aruba TODAY

## Dow recovers from 184-point drop to edge higher



Trader Frank Cannarozzo uses a phone post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, May 17, 2010.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

By TIM PARADIS,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks had another wild day, but there was no big event, no surprise announcement behind the swings.

All that happened was that the euro, battered to a four-year low Monday before trading began in the U.S., started rising again. And the stock market followed the currency shared by 16 European nations.

Shortly after noon Eastern time, the Dow Jones industrials were down 184 points. It looked like they would add to the pile of triple-digit losses they've suffered over the past two weeks as investors worried that Europe's economic problems would spread to the U.S.

But the euro, which seesawed after earlier falling to \$1.2237, finally started its move higher — a bumpy move, but an upward one nonetheless. The Dow also ratcheted higher, finally ending with an almost six-point advance.

Investors are looking at the euro as an indicator of confidence in the European economies. The euro has been sliding on concerns that debt problems will undermine Europe's recovery, and in turn

that of the U.S. And so, when it started rising Monday, stock traders interpreted its move as a "buy" sign.

But given stocks' erratic moves over the past few weeks, it's likely that there will be more days like Monday ahead. Traders still have many unanswered questions about how Europe will pull itself from its financial mess without hurting its recovery. Because economies around the world are dependent on one another, the broader concern is that Europe's problems will halt a rebound elsewhere.

Other investments seen as risky had a rough time Monday. Oil traded below \$70 a barrel for the first time since February but finished above that psychological benchmark. Oil is priced in dollars so a stronger dollar discourages investors from buying oil. Crude fell \$1.45 to \$70.16 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Energy stocks, which make up about 10 percent of the Standard & Poor's 500 index, dropped after oil fell. Shares of consumer staples companies, which are seen as safer bets in weak economies, rose.

Peabody Energy Corp. fell 5.3 percent. Procter & Gamble

Co., which makes Tide detergent and Gillette razors, rose 1.3 percent.

Investors are questioning whether steep budget cuts in countries including Greece, Spain and Portugal will hinder an economic recovery in Europe and in turn, the U.S. The fear is that the world banking system could see a replay of the losses that hobbled financial institutions in late 2008. The austerity measures are required under a nearly \$1 trillion bailout program the European Union and International Monetary Fund agreed to last week. The rescue package provides access to cheap loans for European countries facing mounting debt problems. Traders are betting that U.S. export growth will continue to slow as Europeans, unnerved by problems at home, show less of an appetite to buy American goods. And if Americans get nervous and spend less on imports that could further curtail the global recovery.

"We need to quantify how much Europe can hurt us," said Philip Dow, managing director of equity strategy at RBC Dain Rauscher in Minneapolis. He said it could take a month or two before investors have a better sense of whether the debt problems in Europe will spread.

The Dow rose 5.67, or 0.1 percent, to 10,625.83. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 1.26, or 0.1 percent, to 1,136.94, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 7.38, or 0.3 percent, to 2,354.23.

Three stocks fell for every two that rose on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 5.93 billion shares, compared with 6.01 billion Friday. □



Nelson Ortiz washes new General Motors Chevrolet brand cars on the sales lot at the Kendall Chevrolet in Miami, Florida. GM said last month it was able to pay off 8.4 billion dollars in government loans ahead of schedule after reporting a post-bankruptcy 2009 loss of 4.3 billion dollars.

(AFP/Getty Images/File/Joe Raedle)

## GM roars back to profit, but can it repay gov't?

By TOM KRISHER  
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AP Auto Writers

DETROIT — In less than a year, General Motors Co. has roared back from bankruptcy to a quarterly profit. Now comes the hard part: Sustaining the income and repaying billions of dollars in government aid.

There are signs that GM is on track to do just that. Revenue is up 40 percent over the first quarter of last year. U.S. sales rose 17 percent for the quarter, and the automaker made an operating profit in North America, which had been a cash incinerator. Units in Asia and Latin America posted strong numbers, too. As a result, the automaker announced Monday, its net income rose to \$865 million, a dramatic reversal from the \$6 billion the company lost in the same period last year.

"Today's news was wonderful, and even better than we ever expected to be this far in the post-restructuring period," said Steven Rattner, former head of the Obama administration's Auto Task Force.

To keep GM afloat and get it through bankruptcy court, the U.S. government gave the company \$50 billion. GM repaid \$6.7 billion that the government considered loans, with the remaining \$43.3 billion converted to a 61 percent stake in the automaker. For the Treasury to break even, GM will have to make a lot more money and show prospects for even more profits in the future for its shares to be worth enough to cover the debt.

Still, the first-quarter profit was viewed with hope because, since GM's stay in bankruptcy court, the company has cut expenses, is making better cars and now has a shot at repaying taxpayers. Some experts were skeptical. James Schrage, professor at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, said GM has a history of making boastful claims, only to disappoint. A recent television ad in which CEO Ed Whitacre declared that the company had repaid its government loans in full, with interest, was misleading, he said.

"I'm delighted that they're not losing buckets of money, but a modest profit is a long way away from righting the ship," Schrage said. □



# SPORTS

## Aruba TODAY

### Woods adds British Open to his schedule

ORLANDO, Florida (AP) — Tiger Woods has added the British Open to his summer schedule.

Woods has a chance to become the first player in the 150-year history of the British Open to win three times at St. Andrews, where golf's oldest championship will be held July 15-18.

He added the British Open to the schedule on his website Monday.

Woods, who withdrew from the final round of The Players Championship on May 9 with a neck injury, also has the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach and the AT&T National at Aronimink on his schedule.

He has yet to enter the Memorial, where he is the defending champion. □



Tiger Woods chips to the 12th green during the first round of The Players Championship golf tournament, Thursday, May 6, 2010, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

### Gonzalez becomes MLB's first Venezuelan umpire

MIAMI, Florida (AP) — Manuel Gonzalez has become the first Venezuelan umpire in major league baseball history, working at third base in the game between the Florida Marlins and Arizona Diamondbacks.

Gonzalez, 30, is wearing No. 79 and is filling in for John Hirschbeck on Monday night. He has been serving as a minor league umpire in the International League, which is where he will return following the two-game series in South Florida.

He will be the second base umpire in Tuesday's game between the Marlins and Diamondbacks.

"It's been amazing," Gonzalez said. "It's one of one of those things you think about and think about and then when it happens, it's a great part of your life."

Gonzalez's father, wife, and brother-in law were in attendance for his big moment.

"It's a special occasion especially being in Miami, there are a lot of Venezuelans



Third base umpire Manuel Gonzalez of Venezuela (79) shakes hands with Florida Marlins third base coach Joe Espada before a baseball game between the Marlins and the Arizona Diamondbacks, Monday, May 17, 2010 in Miami. Gonzalez is the first Venezuelan in baseball history to work at a MLB game.

Associated Press

around here," Gonzalez said, "and it's close to home, which makes it easier for my family." □

Gonzalez began umpiring in Venezuela when he was 16, and has spent nine years in the minor leagues. □



Former President Bill Clinton kicks a soccer ball during a news conference in New York, Monday, May 17, 2010. Clinton will serve as the honorary chairman of the United States' bid to host the 2018 or 2022 World Cup.

Associated Press

### Clinton to serve as honorary U.S. World Cup bid chair

BARRY WILNER

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP)— Bill Clinton is ready for another campaign, this one to bring the World Cup to the United States.

The former president will serve as honorary chairman of the nation's bid to host the 2018 or 2022 World Cup. The United States submitted the paperwork for the bid to FIFA last week; hosts for each tournament will be selected Dec. 2. "We now have seven months of hard work ahead," Clinton said after raising a jersey with his name and the number 11 on it at FC Harlem Field at the Children's Aid Society. "The passion for soccer has never been more visible." Clinton joins New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Walt Disney Company CEO Robert Iger, New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and former U.S. women's star Mia Hamm among the members of the board of directors for the bid committee. Clinton was in office when the United States hosted the 1994 World Cup and the 1999 Women's World Cup, attending games at both events. "At the 1994 World Cup opener in Soldier Field, I was the first president to watch a World Cup game on U.S. soil," he recalled. "I was grateful to have the chance to be the president during a World Cup." Adding that the '94 tournament resulted in a \$50 million surplus for U.S. Soccer and for the event's organizers, Clinton mentioned how profitable a future World Cup in the United States could be. Because each of the 18 cities that would stage games has a large stadium — average capacity would be more than 76,000, which no country currently can match — and is home to large contingents of football fans who root for other nations, the projected economic stimulus is \$400-\$600 million per city. □





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## NHL Playoffs

# Blackhawks edge Sharks; Flyers thrash Canadiens

SAN JOSE, California (AP) — Dustin Byfuglien scored the tiebreaking goal with 6:45 remaining in regulation as the Chicago Blackhawks extended their road dominance in the playoffs with a 2-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks in the opener of the Western Conference final on Sunday. Patrick Sharp also scored for the Blackhawks, who improved to 6 wins and a loss in away games this postseason and ended a streak of four straight losses in series openers.

The last two of those came at home in the first two rounds, but the Blackhawks opened this series where they feel most comfortable — on the road.

Rookie Jason Demers scored the lone goal for San Jose, with Antti Niemi making 44 saves for the Blackhawks.

Game 2 will be played Tuesday night in

San Jose.

Flyers 6, Canadiens 0

At Philadelphia, James van Riemsdyk, Danny Briere and Simon Gagne scored in a span of 9:23 in the second period against playoff star Jaroslav Halak as the Flyers routed Montreal 6-0 in the Eastern Conference finals opener.

There would be no comeback necessary this time for the surging Flyers, who rebounded from a 3-0 series hole against the Bruins and a 3-0 deficit in Game 7 in Boston in the conference semifinals on Friday night. Philadelphia has won five straight overall and is 5-1 in the playoffs in front of its orange-clad crowd.

Game 2 of this series, the NHL's first final four matchup between a No. 7 and No. 8 seed, will be Tuesday night in Philadelphia.



Philadelphia Flyers goalie Michael Leighton (49) celebrates the Flyers' 6-0 shutout of the Montreal Canadiens with James van Riemsdyk (21) at the conclusion of Game 1 of the NHL Eastern Conference finals in Philadelphia, Sunday, May 16, 2010.

Associated Press



Bret Lancaster, of Australia, at right, sprints to the finish line to win stage 2 of the Tour of California cycling race in, Santa Rosa, Calif., Monday, May 17, 2010.

SANTA ROSA, California (AP) — Brett Lancaster of Australia surged ahead of a group of 26 riders in the last meters to claim the rain-soaked second stage and the overall race lead Monday in the Tour of California.

Lancaster (Cervelo) who began the day 10 seconds behind in 85th position, completed the 110.1-mile Davis to Santa Rosa road race in an unofficial finishing time of 4 hours, 38 minutes and 48 seconds.

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# Lancaster grabs lead in Tour of California

Peter Sagan of Slovakia (Liquigas) finished second and Lars Boom (Rabobank) of the Netherlands finished third in the same as the winner.

Levi Leipheimer (Rabobank), the three-time defending race winner, and teammate Lance Armstrong both finished in the lead group.

Lancaster, a 2004 Olympic gold medalist in team pursuit, now holds a 4-second race lead because of his 10-second time bonus over Sagan and Karl Menzies (United Healthcare) of Australia.

"These opportunities don't come often," said Lancaster

who primarily competes in stage races as a support rider for Heinrich Haussler of Germany and Thor Hushovd of Norway, both former Tour de France stage winners. "But I definitely know I can make more of a career out of being a leader."

Haussler didn't make the lead group of 26 riders and finished 41st. Hushovd is recovering from injury and is not competing in the Tour of California.

Leipheimer, who finished seventh in the stage, is now 12th overall in a group of 20 cyclists, including Armstrong, 10 seconds

behind Lancaster.

The inclement weather and a stage featuring four climbs shattered the field. More than half of the finishers, including former race leader Mark Cavendish of England, completed the stage at least 10 minutes behind the winner.

Cavendish (HTC-Columbia), the 10-time Tour of France stage winner, finished 96th in the stage, trailing the winner by more than 17 minutes, and is now 87th overall.

The eight-day event continues Tuesday with the 113.3-mile San Francisco to Santa Cruz road race stage 3.



# Se Ri Pak's birdie beats Lincicome in playoff



Se Ri Pak kisses her trophy after she won the LPGA Bell Micro Classic golf tournament during sudden death in Mobile, Ala., Sunday, May 16, 2010. Thunderstorms delayed play causing a sudden death round between Pak, Brittany Lincicome and Suzann Pettersen for the win.

*Associated Press*

**JOHN ZENOR**

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MOBILE, Alabama (AP) — Se Ri Pak ended a three-year victory drought with a birdie on the third playoff hole to beat Brittany Lincicome on Sunday in the rain-shortened — and delayed — Bell Micro LPGA Classic.

Pak, the Hall of Famer from Korea, used a nice bunker shot to set up the putt that sealed her 25th career win and first since she won the Owens Corning Classic in 2007. Pak hit within 10 feet below the hole on a fairway bunker shot from about 170 yards to give herself a birdie chance while Lincicome saved par with a long downhill putt.

"I've been here so many times, but I think I've been having a hard time the last couple of years," Pak said. "I'm trying to get myself to better momentum. I work really hard every single day, every single moment, every single tournament."

"I knew this day was going to come. All I could do is be patient and work hard."

Suzann Pettersen also made the playoff, but bogeyed the second hole on the par-4, 402-yard 18th and headed to the clubhouse at the Crossings Course at Magnolia Grove on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

Pak, Lincicome and Pettersen were tied when they teed off together in the morning. An hour into their round of the two-tee start, the leaderboard had been shuffled and the threat of lightning sent the golfers scurrying off the course and into the clubhouse for a 5½-hour wait.

All three wore purple ribbons on their caps honoring Erica Blasberg, a six-year LPGA veteran who died a week

earlier at her home in suburban Las Vegas. Police have not said whether foul play was involved, and the coroner said it could take four to six weeks to determine a cause of death.

Pak, who also wore a pink wristband with

Blasberg's initials sandwiching a heart, is unbeaten in six career playoffs. She also won the Tournament of Champions on the Crossings Course in 2001 and 2002.

Lincicome made her earn No. 6, though. She sank a 30-foot putt after overshooting a bunker shot to force Pak to make her own shorter putt.

"I knew the sand in the bunker was really, really fluffy so thought I would kind of go down a little bit after it," said the 24-year-old from St. Petersburg, Fla. "I tried to pick it a little bit and obviously I caught it a little bit clean. Then I hit one of the best putts I've ever hit."

"It was nice to be in that position and not miss it and make a bogey and just kind of give it to her. It felt kind of good to at least make her make that birdie."

The sodden course had received about 4 inches of rain overnight and it was still drizzling throughout the playoff holes. LPGA officials went to the playoff on No. 18 and a 54-hole format with more bad weather forecast for Monday.

"I asked the rules official, 'How many times has somebody ever played the same hole before?'" Lincicome said. "She was like, 'Please, let's not go there.'"

Lincicome held a one-stroke lead over Pettersen going into the delay after a birdie on No. 3. She spent much of the down time playing cards with her niece and nephew and loading up on the Southern staple sweet tea.

Several players were threatening to catch the lead group on the leaderboard when play stopped. Lee was 1-under through four holes to tie Pak for third place two strokes back. The biggest mover was Angela Stanford, who pushed to 11-under with three birdies in four holes. □



Australia's Matthew Goss celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the ninth stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, from Frosinone to Cava De Tirreni, Italy, Monday, May 17, 2010.

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## Goss wins ninth stage of Giro d'Italia

CAVA DE TIRRENI, Italy (AP) — Australian rider Matthew Goss won the ninth stage of the Giro d'Italia in a sprint finish Monday and Alexandre Vinokourov held on to the overall lead.

Goss covered the mostly flat 116-mile leg from Frosinone to Cava De' Tirreni in 4 hours, 8 minutes, 17 seconds.

It was the first victory of the season for Goss, who usually sets up sprints for HTC-Columbia teammates Mark Cavendish and Andre Greipel.

"It was nice to get a win," Goss said. "It was a very hard finish, slightly uphill."

Filippo Pozzato of Italy crossed second and Tyler Farrar of the United States was third.

Farrar, who won the second stage, took over the points jersey usually reserved for the race's top sprinter.

Vinokourov maintained a lead of 1 minute, 12 seconds over Cadel Evans in the overall standings.

Four riders took part in a breakaway for most of the stage, opening up a lead of 4 minutes at one point, and the last two remaining riders — Michael Barry of Canada and Mikhail Ignatiev of Russia — were caught by the main pack with 3 miles to go.

Tuesday's 10th stage traverses southern Italy, following a rolling 143-mile route from Avellino to Bitonto. □

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## AL Roundup

# Kubel's slam off Rivera powers Twins past Yanks

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Kubel hit a stunning grand slam off Mariano Rivera with two outs in the eighth inning as the Minnesota Twins ended a nine-game losing streak against the New York Yankees with a 6-3 victory Sunday.

Rivera replaced Joba Chamberlain (1-2) with the bases loaded and a 3-1 lead and walked Jim Thome. Kubel pulled a drive into the seats in right, startling the crowd of 46,628.

Kubel's third homer of the season and sixth career slam ended a string of 51 straight converted save opportunities for Rivera at home, equaling the major league record set by Eric Gagne with the Dodgers. It was the first grand slam off Rivera since Bill Selby's game-ending shot for Cleveland on July 14, 2002.

Rivera hadn't allowed a run in 11 innings this year. The ace closer issued his fourth career bases-loaded walk and first since May 6, 2005, before allowing his fourth grand slam, according to STATS LLC.

Jon Rauch gave up two singles to start the ninth, then struck out Derek Jeter, Brett Gardner and Mark Teixeira to hold on for his 10th save in 11 chances.

Nick Blackburn (4-1) helped the Twins beat New York for the first time since Aug. 13, 2008. They had lost 12 straight overall against the Yankees, counting the sweep in last year's AL division series.

## Rays 2, Mariners 1

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Sean Rodriguez delivered a seventh-inning double and Gabe Kapler added an eighth-inning sacrifice fly as the

Tampa Bay Rays overcame a frustrating afternoon against Cliff Lee to rally past the Seattle Mariners.

Lee (1-2) took a 1-0 lead into the seventh, limiting the team with baseball's best record to doubles by B.J. Upton and Willy Aybar up to that point. Upton doubled again with one out in the seventh, then scored when Rodriguez followed with his hit off the right-center field wall.

Carl Crawford tripled into the left-field corner, just beyond the reach of Michael Saunders, and scored on Kapler's sacrifice fly.

Dan Wheeler (2-0) retired the only two batters he faced to get the win. Rafael Soriano got three outs for his 10th save in 10 opportunities.

## Tigers 5, Red Sox 1

At Detroit, Ramon Santiago hit a two-run homer and Armando Galarraga was sharp in his first start of the season as the Tigers became the first team to win four straight series at home against reigning playoff teams since 1995.

The Tigers took two of three against Boston after winning three of four over the defending champion Yankees, sweeping the Angels and beating the Twins in two of three games.

Galarraga (1-0) gave up one run on three hits over 5 2-3 innings, while John Lackey (4-2) allowed five runs on nine hits and four walks over seven innings for Boston.

## Angels 4, Athletics 0

At Anaheim, Joel Pineiro pitched a three-hitter for his sixth career shutout, Bobby Abreu hit a two-run homer as Los Angeles completed

a three-game sweep of the Oakland Athletics.

Pineiro (3-4) struck out five, walked one and threw just 98 pitches.

Trevor Cahill (1-2) allowed three runs, five hits and no walks over seven innings.

## Indians 5, Orioles 1

At Baltimore, Jake Westbrook worked around nine hits for his 13th career complete game, while Matt LaPorta and Russell Branyan homered for the Indians.

Westbrook (2-2) didn't pitch at all last season while recovering from reconstructive right elbow surgery. He was 0-2 in his first six starts this year.

Westbrook missed his fourth career shutout when Luke Scott hit a two-out homer in the ninth. The right-hander struck out eight and walked none.

## Royals 5, White Sox 3

At Kansas City, Brian Bannister pitched six strong innings, Jose Guillen drove in three runs and the Kansas City Royals beat the Chicago White Sox.

Bannister (2-3), who had lost his previous two starts while allowing 11 runs in nine innings, retired 13 of 14 in one stretch.

Guillen, who had hit .127 in his previous 18 games, had an RBI single in the Royals' three-run fourth, then singled home two more in the fifth.

Joakim Soria finished for his ninth save in 11 opportunities.

## Blue Jays 5, Rangers 2

At Toronto, Brandon Morrow rebounded from the shortest start of his career, Jose Bautista homered for the third time in two games and the Toronto Blue Jays completed a three-game



Minnesota Twins' Jason Kubel hits an eighth-inning grand slam against the New York Yankees in their baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York on Sunday, May 16, 2010. The Twins won the game 6-3.

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sweep.

The game drew 25,518, Toronto's biggest home crowd since opening day.

Morrow (3-3) allowed two runs and eight hits in six-plus innings and struck out eight. Kevin Gregg finished in the ninth for his 11th save. Colby Lewis (3-2)

took the loss.

In the AL games it was Detroit 5, Boston 1; Minnesota 6, N.Y. Yankees 3; Toronto 5, Texas 2; Cleveland 5, Baltimore 1; Tampa Bay 2, Seattle 1; Kansas City 5, Chicago White Sox 3; and L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 0. □

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### NL Roundup

# Billingsley, Martin shine for Dodgers in 1-0 win

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Russell Martin's RBI single was one of only two hits for the Los Angeles Dodgers, who beat the first-place San Diego Padres 1-0 on Sunday for a three-game sweep and their season-high seventh straight victory.

The Dodgers, playing again without Andre Ethier, won for the 12th time in 15 games.

Chad Billingsley (4-2) shut down the Padres over 7 1-3 innings, allowing just four singles, striking out six and walking one. Jonathan Broxton pitched a perfect ninth for his third save.

Padres starter Wade LeBlanc (2-1) allowed only two baserunners the first five innings, both on walks, and one of them was erased in a double play.

#### Phillies 4, Brewers 2

At Milwaukee, Cole Hamels pitched into the seventh inning despite giving up back-to-back home runs as Philadelphia completed a three-game sweep of the Brewers.

Hamels helped out on offense, too, delivering a sharp RBI double in the second.

Casey McGehee and Corey Hart homered for the Brewers, who also were swept at home by the Atlanta Braves this week.

Hamels (4-2) held the Brewers scoreless until McGehee homered the sixth. Hart followed with a drive of his own, cutting the Phillies lead to 3-2. But that was all the Brewers could muster off Hamels, who gave up six hits with three walks and three strikeouts



Los Angeles Dodgers starting pitcher Chad Billingsley works in the first inning against the San Diego Padres in a baseball game Sunday May 16, 2010 in San Diego.

in 6 2-3 innings.

It was a serviceable start on short notice for Milwaukee's Dave Bush (1-4), whose turn in the rotation was moved up when scheduled starter Doug Davis was scratched earlier in the day.

Davis has been diagnosed with pericarditis, an inflammation of the membrane surrounding the heart.

At San Francisco, Barry Zito earned his sixth win of the season and Aaron Rowand hit a go-ahead home run in the sixth inning as the Giants finished a three-game sweep.

Andres Torres homered, doubled and scored twice for the Giants, who have won eight straight games against the Astros dating to 2009. Zito (6-1) rebounded nicely from his only loss of the season, scattering six hits over seven innings while striking out four with one walk.

Brian Wilson pitched around two hits to earn his ninth save.

Carlos Lee homered for Houston, which has lost three straight following a season-high four-game winning streak. Brett Myers (2-3) went eight innings for the loss.

#### Rockies 2, Nationals 1

At Denver, Brad Hawpe hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the eighth, and Colorado won after Jeff Francis threw seven sharp innings in his first start since September 2008.

The Rockies scored their first run of the game on Miguel Olivo's sacrifice fly.

Pinch hitter Seth Smith began their winning rally in the eighth by drawing a walk off Tyler Clippard (7-2). Carlos Gonzalez singled, Dexter Fowler bunted and Hawpe hit a deep fly ball.

#### Reds 7, Cardinals 2

At Cincinnati, Scott Rolen

homered and drove in three runs, helping the surging Reds move a half game ahead of St. Louis following their seventh win in eight games.

The Reds haven't been in first place this deep into a season since June 2006.

Rolen hit a two-run homer and a run-scoring single off Brad Penny (3-4), who had never lost at Great American Ball Park. Bronson Arroyo (3-2) pitched his first complete game — a seven-hitter — and added a bases-loaded single.

At Chicago, pinch-hitter Xavier Nady lined a go-ahead single in the eighth inning as the Cubs rallied to their first victory over the Pirates after seven straight losses.

Alfonso Soriano singled off D.J. Carrasco (1-1) with one out in the eighth, stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. After Geovany Soto drew a two-out walk,

Nady singled to right field for his first pinch-hit since July 19, 2008 — when he was with the Pirates.

Nady had been 0 for 9 as a pinch-hitter this season.

#### Marlins 10, Mets 8

At Miami, pinch-hitter Chris Coghlan hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning as the Marlins completed their first four-game sweep since August 2006.

Two Mets errors helped the Marlins score four unearned runs en route to a 7-0 lead. New York cut the margin to 7-6 before Coghlan's homer off Fernando Nieve.

Mets left-hander Jonathon Niese (1-2) departed after re-injuring his right hamstring, which required season-ending surgery last Aug. 6. He'll return to New York for further evaluation. Braves 13, Diamondbacks 1

At Atlanta, Tim Hudson gave up three hits in eight innings and Martin Prado hit two home runs to lead the Braves to their fifth win in six games.

Prado had four hits and drove in three runs, while Eric Hinske and Troy Glaus also had homers for Atlanta. The Braves finished with 14 hits while Arizona managed only the three.

**In other NL games it was: Florida 10, N.Y. Mets 8; Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 2; Atlanta 13, Arizona 1; Chicago Cubs 4, Pittsburgh 3; Colorado 2, Washington 1; San Francisco 4, Houston 3; L.A. Dodgers 1, San Diego 0; and Philadelphia 4, Milwaukee 2.** □

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# Religions unify to support HIV/AIDS awareness in Aruba



ORANJESTAD—Aruban churches were filled with faithful praying for the cure of HIV/AIDS and support for the individuals and their families. The movement was part of the 27th anniversary of the AIDS Candlelight Memorial. The memorial in Aruba is organized by the Women’s Club of Aruba, which 11 years ago took on the responsibility to emphasize the need for awareness and care for HIV/AIDS.

This year, WCA was able to get the support of many churches, including the Catholic, Protestant and Methodist, Anglican Churches and other religious congregations. All were joined in this common cause, sharing prayers, songs to spiritually inspire the community to open arms and embrace all those who are conflicted with the disease, including the relatives who need to be strong to support their loved ones. Religious leaders spoke openly about HIV/AIDS, and elaborated on the importance of having all the information and being aware of the deadly consequences. But their message was mainly focused on eliminating the stigma of HIV/AIDS and the discrimination against people affected by the disease.

Deacon of the Willemstad Dioceses in Aruba, Father Daniel Wieslaw Szpila welcomed Mrs. Marie Therese Croes to the service in the Fatima Church. Mrs. Croes



is considered the person who pushed for the HIV/AIDS awareness in Aruba, and has been quite successful in drumming up energy from many here who for years have shown compassion but also took on the discussion on how to prevent the spreading of the deadly disease.

It was an emotive Sunday, where for the first time, all religious movements in Aruba were speaking in one language, namely to join forces spiritually and mentally to help eradicate HIV/AIDS and to show people affected that they are loved and can count on the care of all.□





# FIFA Places A Special Order To Louis Vuitton For The World Cup Trophy



ORANJESTAD - At the Home of FIFA in Zurich Louis Vuitton and FIFA announced their collaboration on a new travel case for the FIFA World Cup™ Trophy. Currently being designed, it will be used for the first time at the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa™. The FIFA World Cup Trophy which stands 36,8cm high, weighs 6,175 kilograms and is made of 18-carat gold is the world's greatest football prize. The Trophy remains in the possession of FIFA whilst the winner of the FIFA World Cup™ takes home the FIFA World Cup Winner's Trophy.

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time, a luxury house renowned for its savoir-faire and its expertise in the making of special orders. Today, the Asnières workshop in France designs and makes some 450 special orders a year, complying with the most exceptional requests. The company's original vocation as a layetier-emballeur is thus respected, for Louis Vuitton has always created cases to carry its clients' most treasured belongings. It is with that in mind that Joseph S. Blatter, FIFA President, decided to place a special order for a case for the most coveted



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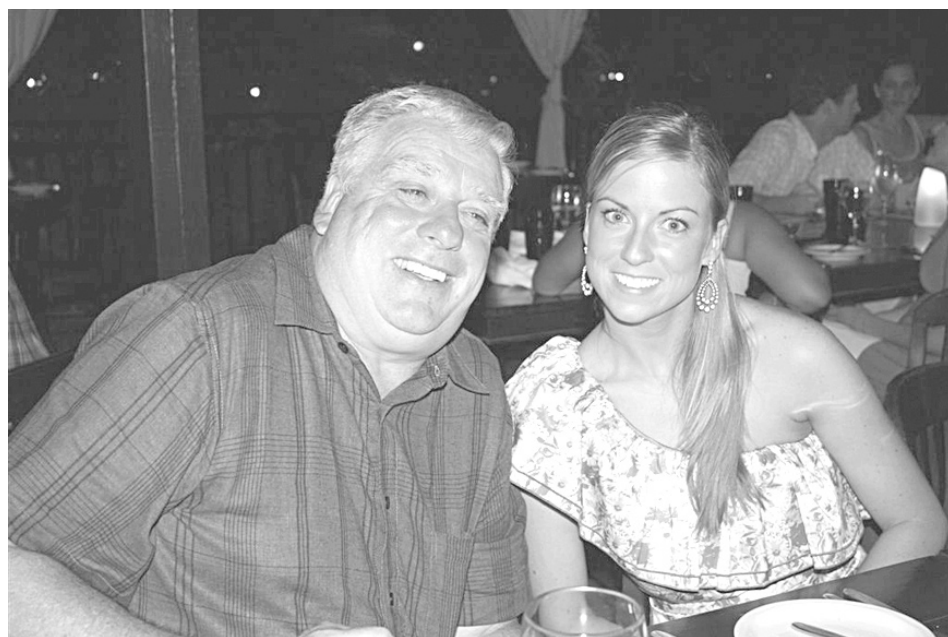
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# Night in White on Renaissance Private Island



ORANJESTAD – The Aruba Convention Bureau hosted a Destination Review over the past weekend, wining and dining a group of meetings and event planners from the US. For their final soiree, the dignitaries and their hosts enjoyed the hospitality of Renaissance Private Island for a night in white.

Ariana Santiago, Sales

Manager, Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino and Janien Huistra, Director of Sales & Marketing Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino and Renaissance Curacao Resort & Casino greeted the guests on the island showcasing the spectacular events, available for their clients when booking Aruba.

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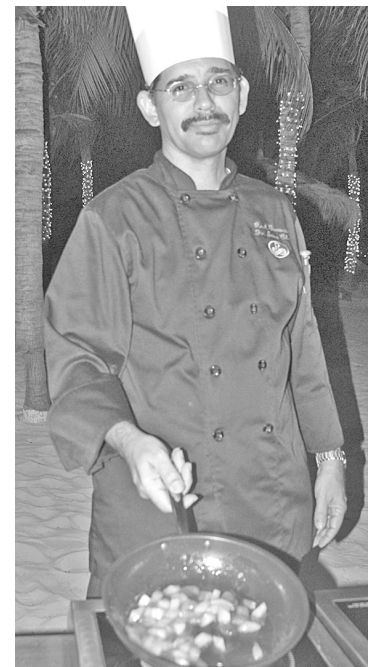
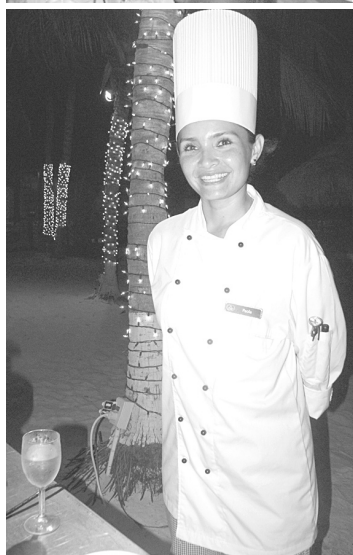
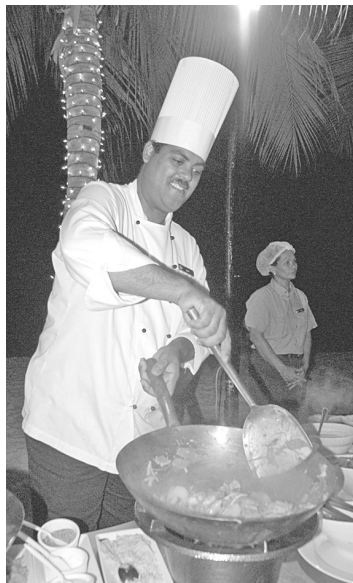
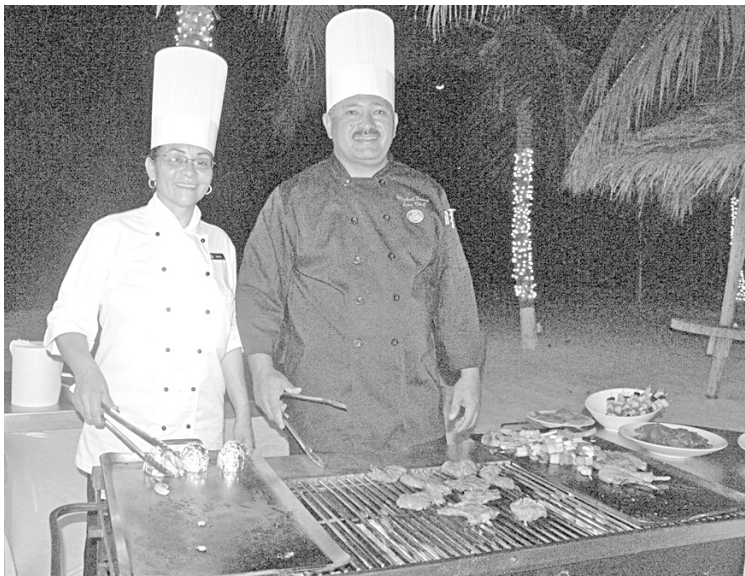
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chocolate cups.

ECO Destinations management was responsible for the lovely look of the beach, decorated in honor of the meetings and event planners, with lounges and pillows.

Pictured here, some unforgettable moments on the island, for the final banquet of the Destination Review. □





# See From Your Spirit

We can learn to control our three dimensional hologram by changing our perspective toward it. Let's explore a fundamental idea that will help us disconnect from the Hologram's Hold.

We begin with the assumption that people are Spirits expressing in three dimensions through a Human body. It has been said that we are not Humans having a Spiritual experience, we are Spirits having a Human experience, and this is accurate. This is a powerful idea that alters our perspective, but logical knowledge

takes us only so far. When we're in the Throes of Life, emotional reaction takes over. We forget all about our subtle Spirit. The forces of Life solidify the Hologram and three dimensional survival becomes our only concern.

As we begin to think of ourselves as spirits acting through a three dimensional body, we shift our perspective toward our lives. Our attitudes toward daily details change as we begin to see our lives from the big picture. When we see the bigger picture, we have more patience to endure

our present situation, and we gain the courage to proceed into the unknown.

When faced with the unknown, Faith is what we must rely on. When the three dimensional illusion of structure in your life falls away, all that is left is our belief in our selves. Your Faith is a constant that cannot be harmed or distorted by the three dimensional hologram.

Faith is not hoping that something or someone separate from yourself comes through in the end. Having Genuine Faith is believing in your Self, in your ability to reason and act. You are an infinite Spirit acting through a limited Body.

Your Spirit guides you through your life, and arranges the lessons you agreed to when entering three dimensional limitation. When you believe in your Self, you trust in your own Spirit's ability to guide you along your True Path, and provide for you against all logic.

What, specifically can you do in each moment? Don't be lazy. Don't expect someone else to do it for you. Master your own sovereignty and you'll be well on your way to enlightenment.

As our view of ourselves changes, our view of others will change. As we begin to view ourselves from our Spirit's point of view, we will begin to recognize others as a Spirit acting through a Body. Spirit exists within Unity Consciousness. When we get in touch with our Spirit, we see that all Human Spirits are from the same source, so we are all One, we are all intimately connected. From this point of view, we can see that helping others is to help ourselves.

When we trust in our Spirit's guidance through pre-arranged experiences, we naturally follow the true purpose of our lives. There is no fear when you know that you are living your life's purpose. Let go of the illusion of control over your life, and surrender to your own guidance.

Remember that you are a Spirit in a Human Body. Look deeply into your own eyes and recognize your self beyond three dimensions, overseeing the Hologram of Limited Experience. Be aware of your Spirit every chance you get. When you look into the eyes of others, recognize their Infinite Spirit peeking out at you. During the course of the day, imagine your infinite self

within your body, overseeing the three dimensional world, to arrange for the experiences of limitation that you signed up for. Begin to consciously operate from your Spirit's perspective.

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~Quentin Danziger

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# El Gaucho Hosts Holy Communion Parties



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# Aqua Grill... "the hip restaurant that is heaven on earth for seafood lovers," Fodor's Travel Guide



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In addition to a selection of authentic dishes, your seafood can also be prepared wood-grilled, broiled, poached, steamed, or pan-fried upon request. Complementing the menu is the island's

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triumphant reappearance. It's an all new original illusion not seen anywhere else in the world. I went back to see the show during rehearsals, and still couldn't figure out the secret.

Tourists and local fans will remember Steinfeld for past performances, in Aruba, and on network television, Mr. Steinfeld recently authored "the Houdini Conspiracy", aka "Houdini Lives!", a

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*One of Al Gore's climate messengers with climate lecture at the Aruba University*

# Frederick Stoss to discuss Changes in the Caribbean Climate; challenges and hopes'

ORANJESTAD --Climate change is one of the most scientifically complex and controversial topics. And Thursday, May 20th, Frederick Stoss, one of the first 1000 'Climate Messengers,' trained by Nobel Peace Laureate Al Gore will deliver the latest data on the issue, during a session at the University of Aruba. His presentation will examine the science behind causes, effects and consequences of climate change, and is appropriately titled 'Changes in the Caribbean Climate: Challenges and Hope.' Data from a variety of sources show global trends and regional sensitivities to these changes. The science includes updated versions of resources used by former U.S. Vice

President Al Gore. Stoss will also elaborate on

resources, trends, and action plans specific for Aruba and the Caribbean region. More important is a discussion about changing ways of thinking about climate change and how actions can be put in service of means for solving what some call the climate crisis.

"We should not consider the option of living in a greenhouse gas constrained- world; but rather we should live in a world not limited by Greenhouse gases," is the message Stoss, who has a BA in Biology and MS Zoology, MLS. He is also the Associate Librarian at Buffalo (New York), with more than 25 years experience as a librarian. His specialty is on areas related to the environment. Frederick Stoss started his career in toxicology. He has published on the area of

scientific and medical activities, as well as on library science. He was an active member of various professional organizations and chaired environmental divisions of the American Association of Librarians and the Association of Specialized Libraries.

During his lecture at the University of Aruba on Thursday, Mr. Stoss will show Al Gore's slide show, which is the bases of the books and the Academy Award winning documentary film, an Inconvenient Truth.

The lecture will be held in English, and is open for the public. Entrance is free. The University of Aruba is located at the J.E. Irausquinplein 4, right next to the St. Franciscus Catholic Church in Oranjestad.

## Baby Corals Use Sounds to Guide Them Home

*Noise pollution threatens to disrupt this pattern*

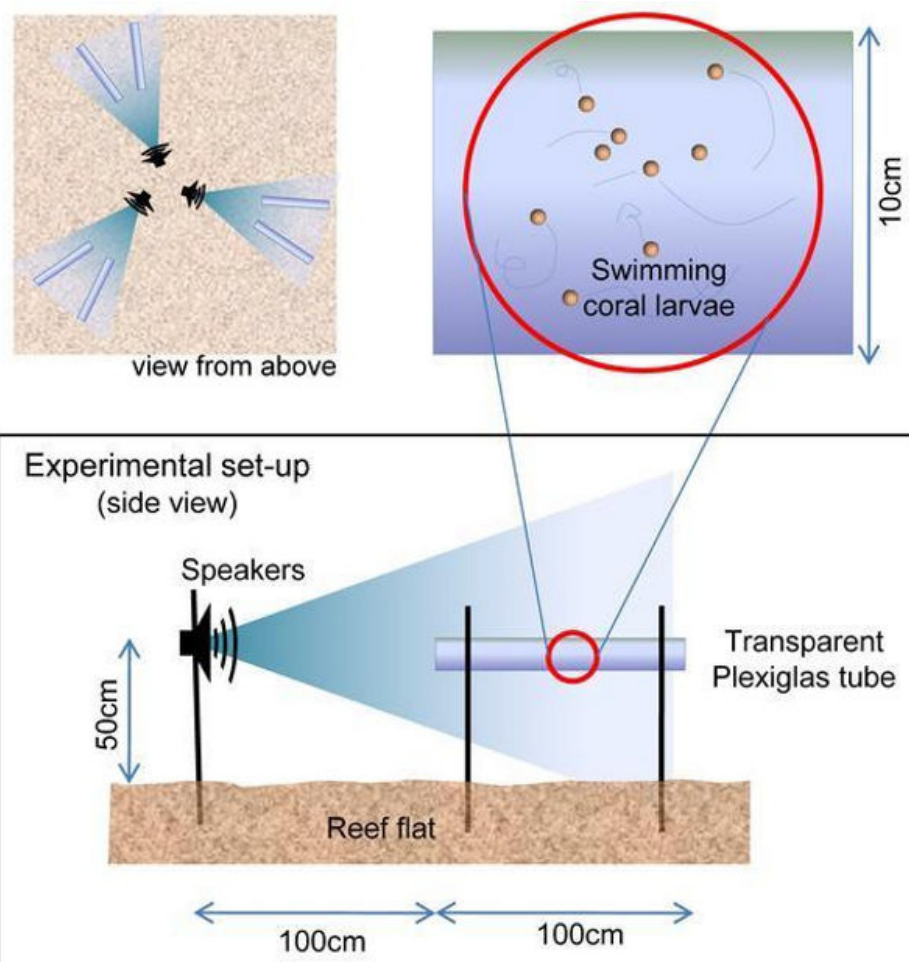
Scientists have recently discovered that baby coral reefs tend to use special sounds as reference points in swimming to an already-established reef. While still in their larval form, the animals "listen" carefully to the sounds various other creatures living around reefs make, and then move directly towards them. According to a new research, this finding highlights another one of the factors currently threatening coral reefs, which are more and more often being drowned in artificially-produced noises, generated from human activities.

University of Bristol School of Biological Sciences senior researcher Dr Steve Simpson found a few years back that fish species adapted to living around corals were capable of using various sound cues to make their way to their destination. However, even for him, the new discovery came as a surprise. The work was carried out in the Dutch Antilles, by a team based at the Carmabi Foundation, in Curacao. The group there, led by Dr Mark Vermeij, conducted its investigation of coral larvae that scientists collected in 2008, during a mass-spawning event, ScienceDaily reports.

"At close range sound stirs up

water molecules, and this could waggle tiny hair cells on the surface of the larvae, providing vital directional information for baby corals," Simpson explains. While in their larval form, baby corals are about the size of fleas, and extremely vulnerable. If they cannot find a secured place within a reef to attach themselves to, they die relatively fast. It is vitally important for as many larvae as possible to make it into reefs, if global coral populations are to survive the myriad of environmental factors that continuously batter them. But noises generated by humans and their vessels make the job very difficult, and many larvae cannot find a suitable place to affix themselves on.

In the new experiments, researchers set up a "choice chamber," in which larvae were presented with more options, and allowed to choose whichever they pleased. A recording was played back, that featured the natural sounds of coral reefs. The investigators noticed an overwhelming trend among the coral larvae to swim in the direction of the sounds, ignoring other options. The new study was funded by the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), the



US National Science Foundation published in the latest issue of the (NSF), and the Scripps Institution open-access scientific journal PLoS of Oceanography. Details were ONE.□



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## Research links pesticides with ADHD in children

By CARLA K. JOHNSON,  
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO – A new analysis of U.S. health data links children's attention-deficit disorder with exposure to common pesticides used on fruits and vegetables.

While the study couldn't prove that pesticides used in agriculture contribute to childhood learning problems, experts said the research is persuasive.

"I would take it quite seriously," said Virginia Rauh of Columbia University, who has studied prenatal exposure to pesticides and wasn't involved in the new study.

More research will be needed to confirm the tie, she said.

Children may be especially prone to the health risks of pesticides because they're still growing and they may consume more pesticide residue than adults relative to their body weight.

In the body, pesticides break down into compounds that can be measured in urine. Almost universally, the study found detectable levels: The compounds turned up in the urine of 94 percent of the children.

The kids with higher levels had increased chances of having ADHD, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder, a common problem that causes students to have trouble in school. The findings were published Monday in *Pediatrics*.

The children may have eaten food treated with pesticides, breathed it in the air or swallowed it in their drinking water. The study didn't determine how they were exposed. Experts said it's likely children who don't live near farms are exposed through what they eat.

"Exposure is practically ubiquitous. We're all exposed," said lead author Maryse Bouchard of the University of Montreal.

She said people can limit their exposure by eating organic produce. Frozen blueberries, strawberries and celery had more pesticide residue than other foods in one government report.

A 2008 Emory University study found that in children who switched to organically grown fruits and vegetables, urine levels of pesticide compounds dropped to undetectable or close to undetectable levels.

Because of known dangers of pesticides in humans, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency limits how much residue can stay on food. But the new study shows it's possible even tiny, allowable

amounts of pesticide may affect brain chemistry, Rauh said. The exact causes behind the children's reported ADHD though are unclear. Any number of factors could have caused the symptoms and the link with pesticides could be by chance.

The new findings are based on one-time urine samples in 1,139 children and interviews with their parents to determine which children had ADHD. The children, ages 8 to 15, took part in a government health survey in 2000-2004.

As reported by their parents, about 150 children in the study either showed the severe inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity characteristic of ADHD, or were taking drugs to treat it.

The study dealt with one common type of pesticide called organophosphates. Levels of six pesticide compounds were measured. For the most frequent compound detected, 20 percent of the children with above-average levels had ADHD. In children with no detectable amount in their urine, 10 percent had ADHD.

"This is a well conducted study," said Dr. Lynn Goldman of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a former EPA administrator. Relying on one urine sample for each child, instead of multiple samples over time, wasn't ideal, Goldman said.

## Dramatic surge seen in kids hospitalized with MRSA

By LINDSEY TANNER,

AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO – The number of children hospitalized with dangerous drug-resistant staph infections surged 10-fold in recent years, a study found.

Disease incidence increased from 2 cases to 21 cases per 1,000 hospital admissions from 1999 to 2008. Most infections were caught in the community, not in the hospital.

The study involved methicillin-resistant staph infections, called MRSA. These used to occur mostly in hospitals and nursing homes but they are increasingly showing up in other settings in children and adults. Recent evidence suggests hospital-acquired MRSA cases may be declining while community-acquired cases are becoming more common.

The results are "a good example of how something that is not unexpected remains alarming," said Dr. Buddy Creech, an infectious disease specialist at Vanderbilt University. He was not involved in the study.

The study involved 25 children's hospitals; the 10-fold increase in hospitalizations likely occurred nationwide, said Dr. Jason Newland, the lead author and an infectious disease physician at Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics and the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Almost 30,000 children were hospitalized with MRSA infections at the hospitals studied during the 10-year period. Most had skin or muscle infections, and 374 youngsters with MRSA died. While Newland said it isn't clear if MRSA caused those deaths, it can be deadly and is blamed for more than 18,000 deaths in children and adults nationwide each year.

The study didn't examine whether deaths or the severity of infections increased.

The results were published Monday in the journal *Pediatrics*.

MRSA often begins as a pimple or boil on the skin. It can also spread to other parts of the body, including the bones or lungs, where it can cause pneumonia.

The study also found a coinciding increase in use of clindamycin, an antibiotic that comes in easy-to-use pills and liquid, and smaller increases for two other antibiotics. Another drug effective against MRSA, vancomycin, is only available intravenously and its use decreased during the study.

Newland said the increasing use of clindamycin is concerning because in some regions MRSA is already becoming resistant to the drug. Doctors need to use the antibiotic judiciously, he said.

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## Why Arizona's new immigration law makes sense

By David R. Francis

Arizona has a good case for its tough new law aimed at shrinking the number of illegal immigrants in the state.

One might not think so, given the uproar. The National Council of La Raza and 19 labor and civil rights groups have organized a boycott to keep meetings and conferences out of Arizona. St. Paul, Minn., and San Francisco have banned official city travel. City councils in Oakland, Calif.; El Paso, Texas; and Boston have all passed resolutions to pull business from the state or ban official travel by city employees. California is also considering a statewide boycott.

Much of the fuss comes from critics who want "open borders rather than sovereign borders," says Mark Krikorian, director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a Washington think tank, urging greater restraints on illegal immigration – and lower legal immigration. But given the nearly 6.5 billion non-Americans in the world and the tens of millions of those who would rather live in the United States, limits must be placed on immigration or the nation would be swamped with foreigners.

Most Arizonans and Americans feel that way on the whole. A poll shows 70 percent of Arizona voters approve of the law, 23 percent oppose it. A New York Times/CBS poll finds 51 percent of Americans see the law as "about right" and 30 percent figure it "goes too far." Arizona's original law was amended to prohibit "racial profiling."

Sitting on the Mexican border, Arizona has a tough illegal-immigrant problem. That population grew from 330,000 in 2000 to 560,000 by 2008. Some 95 to 98 percent of those are Hispanic, says Mr. Krikorian. Of these, at least 60 percent are Mexican, about 20 percent from Central America.

Earlier state action regarding illegal immigrants, plus a recession, have already cut their number by perhaps 18 percent between 2008 and 2009 to about 460,000. Nationwide, the number of undocumented immigrants has shrunk from an estimated 12.5 million in 2007 to under 11 million now, estimates Krikorian.

But just because the illegal population is slipping is no reason to ignore the problem. For example: Krikorian's analysis finds that illegal immigrants commit modestly more crime than average in Arizona. About 12 percent of workers in the state are illegal. They and their legal US-born children (under 18) make up a fifth of those living in poverty in the state, a third of those without health insurance, and a sixth of school students.

Arizona acted because Washington has not tackled illegal immigration seriously. A fence is going up across the 700-mile border with Mexico. For most of its length, though, it may stop vehicles, but not people. □

## BP Stands for Bad Petroleum

Robert Reich

Saturday the White House warned BP that it expects the oil giant to pay all damages associated with the disastrous oil leak into the Gulf of Mexico, even if the costs exceed the \$75 million liability cap under federal law. BP responded Sunday saying its public statements are "absolutely consistent" with the administration's request.

When you hear dueling public statements like these, watch your wallets. You can safely assume BP's lawyers are already at work to ensure that the firm pays not a cent more than \$75 million -- not to taxpayers bearing cleanup costs, not to consumers whose gas bills will rise, not to businesses along the coasts that will lose a fortune. And BP won't pay more unless or until there's a law requiring it to.

BP has been making public statements about its supposed corporate social responsibility for as many years as it's behaved irresponsibly. It's the poster child for PR masquerading as CSR.

It was just eight years ago British Petroleum shortened its name to BP and began promoting itself as the environmentally-friendly oil company with a vision that went "Beyond Petroleum" to embrace solar cells and wind power. In a \$200 million advertising campaign organized by Ogilvy & Mather, BP transformed its corporate brand insignia from a shield to the more wholesomely natural green, yellow, and white sunburst. BP's chief executive, Lord John Browne, issued warnings about global warming

and said the company had a social responsibility to take action. Notwithstanding its new image, BP continues to be one of the largest producers of crude oil on the planet. Although it committed itself to devoting \$8 billion to alternative fuels over ten years, the sum was tiny compared to BP's annual profits from oil that have averaged over \$20 billion and its annual capital expenditures of over \$14 billion.

Nor has the firm distinguished itself by its commitment to the law. Several years before the Gulf oil rig explosion, an explosion at BP's Texas City plant killed fifteen workers and triggered a \$21.3-million fine from safety regulators.

In March 2005, corrosion of BP's pipes and equipment on the North Slope in Alaska led to a spill of 270,000 gallons of oil, the largest spill ever recorded in that fragile territory. Critics said BP wasn't spending enough money to prevent such spills. Only in 2006, after it was forced by the U.S. government to inspect all its pipelines with an automated device that crawled through the pipes, did the company discover so much additional corrosion and leakage it had to shut down a sixteen-mile feeder line to the Trans Alaska Pipeline.

In August 2006, Congress demanded BP executives appear in person to be held accountable. At the ensuing hearing, members from both sides of the aisle accused BP executives of crass negligence. Representative Joe Barton (R-Texas), chairman of the oversight committee,

excoriated them: "If one of the world's most successful oil companies can't do simple basic maintenance needed to keep the Prudhoe Bay field operating safely without interruption, maybe it shouldn't operate the pipeline." Barton went on: "I am even more concerned about BP's corporate culture of seeming indifference to safety and environmental issues. And this comes from a company that prides itself in their ads on protecting the environment. Shame, shame, shame."

Committee members then grilled the BP executives about why the company had failed for as long as fourteen years to do the sort of internal inspection and maintenance on its pipelines that were performed every two weeks on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, into which the BP pipelines feed. The BP executives solemnly promised to be more careful in the future. But neither the members of Congress nor the BP executives mentioned the most pertinent fact: Frequent inspections of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline were required by law but no similar inspections were required on feeder pipelines such as those owned by BP. If the panel was serious about getting BP to change its ways it would have introduced legislation to close this loophole. The panel did not introduce such legislation because the hearings were for show. Barton and his colleagues on both sides of the aisle had pushed many bills favorable to the oil industry and weren't about to impose any burdens on it. □



# Irán acepta enviar uranio a Turquía tras mediación de Brasil

TEHERAN (AP) - Irán accedió el lunes a enviar la mayoría de su uranio enriquecido a Turquía para intercambiarlo por combustible nuclear, en un acuerdo alcanzado con la mediación de Brasil y Turquía que podría aliviar las tensiones en torno al disputado programa iraní.

El acuerdo introduce por primera vez a un nuevo grupo de mediadores en la controversia por las actividades nucleares de Irán. Tanto Brasil como Turquía son miembros no permanentes del Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU.

El anuncio fue hecho en momentos en los que aumenta la presión para que se impongan nuevas sanciones en contra de Irán, fue firmado el lunes tras conversaciones con el presidente de Brasil, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, y el primer ministro turco, Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

“Fue acordado durante la reunión trilateral de los líderes de Irán, Turquía y Brasil que Turquía será el lugar para intercambiar” sus reservas de uranio enriquecido por varas de combustible para un reactor nuclear de investigaciones médicas, dijo el vocero del ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Ramin Mehmanparast, en un canal de televisión estatal el lunes.

## LULA DA SILVA: TRIUNFO DE LA DIPLOMACIA

El presidente brasileño celebró la iniciativa y la calificó como un triunfo de la diplomacia.

“Yo creo que la diplomacia fue la ganadora hoy. Fue una prueba de que es posible, con diálogo, construir la paz, construir el desarrollo”, declaró Lula en su programa radial semanal “Café con el Presidente”, grabado en la base aérea de Teherán desde donde se trasladó a España.

El canciller brasileño Celso Amorim aclaró que el acuerdo no resolverá las tensiones ni las dudas en torno al programa nuclear iraní, aunque lo consideró suficiente



El presidente de Irán, Mahmud Ahmadinejad, a la derecha, recibe a su homólogo brasileño Luis Inacio Lula da Silva en Teherán, el domingo 16 de mayo del 2010. (Foto AP/Vahid Salemi)

para impedir la aplicación de sanciones internacionales, como han defendido potencias occidentales encabezadas por Estados Unidos.

“Es un pasaporte para que pueda haber discusiones más amplias que crean confianza en la comunidad internacional, y al mismo tiempo, permita a Irán ejercer el derecho legítimo a la energía nuclear con fines pacíficos”, expresó Amorim.

La iniciativa privaría a Irán, al menos temporalmente, de las reservas de uranio enriquecido que pueden ser procesadas a niveles aún más altos, necesarios para producir armas nucleares.

El material que obtendría Irán a cambio en forma de varas de combustible no podría ser procesado más allá de un nivel menor y más seguro, el cual es apropiado para un reactor de investigaciones en Teherán.

El vicepresidente iraní, Ali Akbar Salehi, quien también preside la Organización de Energía Atómica de Irán, dijo que el acuerdo del lunes es histórico.

El ministro de Relaciones Exteriores de Turquía, Ahmet Davutoglu, dijo ante reporteros que el acuerdo implica que “ya

enriquecimiento de uranio, evitando que cuente con una posible vía para obtener armas nucleares. Irán insiste que su programa nuclear es pacífico.

Muchos de los detalles del nuevo acuerdo parecen ser los mismos de un plan creado por la ONU en octubre, que Irán terminó rechazando.

Teherán enviará la mayor parte de su uranio enriquecido \_unos 1.200 kilogramos (2.600 libras)\_ a Turquía, donde será resguardado bajo la supervisión de funcionarios iraníes y de la ONU.

Si Irán no recibe el combustible en un lapso de un año, Turquía estaría obligada de manera “inmediata e incondicional” a devolverle el uranio, dijo el ministro de Exteriores de Irán,



El ministro de Relaciones Exteriores de Brasil, Celso Amorim, firma un acuerdo junto a su par iraní, Manouchehr Mottaki, y su par de Turquía Ahmet Davutoglu, durante la 32 Reunión de Ministros de Relaciones Exteriores del G-15, en Teherán. Mayo 17 2010. Irán acordó el lunes con los mediadores Brasil y Turquía enviar parte de su uranio al extranjero, terminando abruptamente con su rechazo a aprobar un pacto de este tipo en momentos en que el Consejo de Seguridad de la ONU prepara sanciones más duras contra el país. REUTERS/Morteza Nikoubazl

no hay necesidad de sanciones de la ONU”, según informó la televisora turca privada NTV. El acuerdo se da en un momento de tensión por las actividades nucleares de Irán. Negociaciones anteriores,

dirigidas por Alemania y los cinco miembros permanentes del Consejo de Seguridad Nuclear \_Estados Unidos, Gran Bretaña, Francia, Rusia y China\_ han buscado que Teherán detenga su

Manouchehr Mottaki.

Irán temía que bajo el plan inicial propuesto por la ONU, si un intercambio se caía, le podrían decomisar sus reservas de uranio de forma permanente. □



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